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**EDITORIAL NOTES.**

A face that is some woman's fortune is generally a good many fellow's misfortune.

It is now in order for the Duck-town Gazette to head its article, "Another North Carolina Tragedy," and proceed to give us a friendly lecture on our lawlessness, without even suggesting a possible remedy.

What in the name of common sense is Atlanta going to do with those 206 Chinaman that are on their way to the exposition to take their place in the Chinese village? Laundrymen must be scarce in the Gate City.

It is claimed that the shipment of horse meat from this country is injuring the meat business abroad, and therefore Secretary Morton has ordered that meat for shipment be inspected, and that horse meat shall be so marked as to show what it is without biting.

Mr. Eckles, Comptroller of the Treasury, says the greenbacks are payable in silver or gold, but it is the greenback which depletes the Treasury of its gold. Well, why then pay gold? Why not pay what the law provides, either silver or gold? Echo answers why.

There is said to be a fortune of \$100,000 waiting for Parker Valentine (formerly of Indiana, but he is afraid to come out and get it, because he killed a man some years ago in Minnesota, and he is afraid to take the chance of a trial for murder. With the present slowness and uncertainty of justice, \$100,000 will clear a man of almost any crime.

Governor Carr gave the public quite a surprise last week by appointing Charles M. Cooke, of Louisville, Secretary of State to succeed the late Octavius Coke. Mr. Cooke is one of the most prominent Baptists in North Carolina. He has served in the Legislature one session as Speaker of the House, and is recognized as a bright Democratic speaker and writer. He was defeated for Congress last year.

The largest regimental loss on either side during the late civil war was sustained by the Twenty-sixth North Carolina—Pettigrew Brigade, Heath's Division. They had a full quota of 800 men on July 1, 1863, but in the single battle of Gettysburg lost 588 men, 86 killed and 502 wounded, not including the "missing," of which there were 120. According to Col. W. F. Fox, in one company, 86 strong, every man was hit, and the orderly who made the list out did so while suffering from a wound in each leg.

Governor Carr gives some interesting facts regarding the State farms. The crop of corn is expected to be 154,000 bushels, and of pork there will be 132,000 pounds. At the Caledonia farm there are 2500 acres in corn, 1900 in cotton, 130 plows, 570 convicts. At the Northampton farm 212 convicts, 1200 acres in corn, 650 in cotton, and 50 plows. At the Halifax farm 146 convicts, 38 plows, 1100 acres in corn and 425 acres in cotton. At Roanoke Rapids there are 77 convicts. The health of all is remarkably good.

The editor of the Raleigh Caucasian has been interviewed as to the probability of the Democrats and Populists co-operating and is quoted as follows: "There is a sentiment among Democrats for co-operation with the Populists. Prominent Democrats have written letters asking if a thing of that kind could be arranged. Our people have not replied. I have heard of no such advances made by our party. We are not jumping over each other to get into the Democratic lines. We intend to stay in the Populist party and go nowhere. If anybody wants to go with us he can come. We do not object to giving up our name, provided the other parties will give up their names also."

**A TERRIBLE MURDER.**

**Bob Dockery Kills an Irishman by the Name of Brice.**

On last Tuesday afternoon about 3 o'clock at an illicit whiskey shop, some two miles from Murphy on the Hangingdog road, kept by a white woman named Sis Roberts, there was a horrible murder committed. The victim was an Irishman by the name of M. Brice, familiarly known as Pat, who had been peddling spectacles through the country and boarding at the Widow Hubbard's in our town. He was a gentle fellow and had all the genial qualities common to the sons of Erin, and when he had a jager of whiskey it tingled joyfully through-out his entire being.

So on this occasion he offered some spectacles for sale and said he would give a pair to anybody that was a good Democrat, and threw off good humoredly on the Republicans.

The woman who kept the house called him to her and advised him to be quiet. He took her hand and said he would do so, and just at this time Bob Dockery, one of the three Dockery boys and son of Eli Dockery, who were present, caught up a chair and struck him on the head from behind, crushing his skull, some two and a-half inches above the right ear. Brice fell and after a few minutes scrambled to his feet. He did not know who struck him or why they did it, but seemed to realize that he was badly hurt. Later he knelt down and prayed, and spoke of his mother and sister. He died Wednesday morning about 7 o'clock.

There were present at the time of the killing Sis Roberts, Elmira Reid, Tom, Joe and Bob Dockery and Sid McLelland, colored. Others came up soon after and saw what was done and heard declarations of who did the killing.

The remains of Brice were interred in the Methodist cemetery Thursday afternoon. An effort was made to apprise his relatives of his death, but they could not be located, but we understand that he has relatives in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The material point at the coroner's inquest was testified to by all the witnesses that we heard.

The coroner's jury, after being in session half a day, rendered a verdict that the deceased, known as M. Brice, came to his death from a blow on the head inflicted with a chair in the hands of Bob Dockery. The chair with which Dockery struck and killed Brice was broken all to pieces, showing that the lick was a powerful one.

The witnesses before the coroner's jury all testified that Dockery and Brice had no hard words. In fact, some claim that they had not even spoken to each other.

Last Friday Coroner J. L. Beasrong and Deputy Sheriff Hugh Sneed made diligent search for Bob Dockery, but he could not be found. He has not been seen since Wednesday morning, and it is thought that he has left the State.

The man who pines for other people's lives is not only silly but stupid. The world you covet was not made by discontented people, who were always looking about for something better to do. You may want to travel, to see great works of art and beautiful cities. Do you ever realize that these things were created by people who stayed at home and did their proper task and did it gladly and joyfully? You have the same world to live in that other men have had, and what you do of yourself counts, and every bit of assistance which you take from another weakens you so much and makes you small in the eyes of men.

It is a hard matter to convince a homely woman that there is a perfect looking glass in existence. It reflects on her.

We do not speak in disparaging tones when we say that a woman who wears bloomers has loose habits.

**A Pleasant Time.**

The Western North Carolina Baptist Association convened at Marble on Thursday before and embracing the first Sunday in September in the new church at that place. It is a house of such dimensions as to complete that will be an honor to the membership, and show that the citizens are hospitable and kind.

We spent a night with J. B. Ladd and one with C. C. Brice and made the acquaintance of their pleasant families. If we had visited all who invited us we would have spent many days.

The ministers, whose names will appear later, paid us many compliments for the publications we have given them during the years that are past and the good that had been accomplished through the columns of our paper.

We feel grateful to them for their appreciation of the fact, nevertheless we feel that it is our duty to emphasize the fact that the greatest part of the Christian work is being done by the Baptists, especially in the rural districts, and we hope to be able to do more for them the coming year than in the past.

Mr. J. P. Morgan, of Asheville, corresponding secretary of the Western North Carolina Association, subscribed for the Scout to keep in touch with the movements of the churches in these western counties.

**Popular Superstition.**

If a cow breaks into a garden, it is a sign that some one in the family will die within six months.

Other signs of death are the howling of a dog outside the house, the squeaking of a mouse behind the sick person's bed or the flight of a bird or bee into the room.

To cut one's nails on Sunday brings the devil with one all the week. To break a looking glass brings bad luck seven years. To turn a feather bed on Sunday is bad luck.

The bad effect of seeing the new moon through glass may be mitigated by turning over the money in one's pocket. For a clock to strike while a preacher is giving out his text is a sign of death in the congregation.

Crickets and spiders bring good luck. So does it to touch a hunchback's hump. So does it to have one's teeth set wide apart or to meet a piebald horse.

If the right ear itches, some one is praising; if the left, somebody is abusing; if the foot, one is soon to walk over new ground.

There's luck in finding a pin or a horseshoe, or in stumbling upstairs.

If an unmarried person sits between a man and wife at dinner on any day between Christmas and Twelfth Night he will be married within a year. Welsh girls knock on Christmas eve on the hen house door. If a hen cackles the knocker must wait another year. If a rooster crows she'll be married within the year.

**A Sensation in Catawba.**

There is a sensation at Hickory, Catawba county, N. C. Seventeen years ago John Maguire married Euphonia Bohck. He suspected her within three years after their marriage and became jealous. One night he shot her in the breast and she was found lying on a back street. She recovered. He was tried, pleaded his case and spent a year in jail. They made up. Soon after he left one night, saying he was going to his brother's, three miles away. He never returned. Searching parties examined the country for miles, but to no purpose. His widow, whose behavior caused comment and hints, married Jacob Holler in a few weeks. They lived amicably together until five weeks ago, when he disappeared. She said he might also disappear. He left the next day and told a horrible story. He declared that in a dense thicket the woman's brother laid in wait for Maguire and shot him. He said he was present, and that Maguire's body was buried in this lonely thicket. The other day search was made for the grave and it was found that the body had been removed. Holler now says he was drunk when he told of the murder.

**True Education.**

Editors Scout:

Will you please give me space in the columns of your valuable paper to give a short view on education? As we look abroad and behold the multitude of children who, buoyant with the life spirit, through the roads, streets and million patches throughout our country and land, and while witnessing their present condition, so joyous and free from care, reflect that when a few brief years shall have passed away they will be important and busy actors on the stage of life—each contributing in a great or less degree to aid in improving, extending and perpetuating the civil and religious and literary privileges which we now enjoy, or sending forth through our land those pernicious influences which proceed from ignorance, insubordination and idleness—it becomes a question of momentous interest to every good citizen, and particularly to every parent, to ascertain how the latter shall be avoided and the former secured; or in other words, how the children of the present shall be trained and influenced that they will become the men of the future, whose examples and powers will be made an honor and blessing to the world.

In pondering the subject we become convinced that education, in its broadest sense, thoroughly and generally furnished, must do the work or it will not be done. Parents, money invested in the minds of your children is money well invested. It will bring a golden harvest in the future.

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